

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, wherein the first user interface area comprises a user interface window.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, wherein the first user interface area is associated with a first application.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, wherein the keyword comprises a plurality of keywords.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, wherein the first user interface area comprises a document.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, wherein the keyword comprises an attribute of an event.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, further comprising identifying the keyword in the first user interface area.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, further comprising discontinuing use of the keyword after a second period of time has elapsed.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the second period of time comprises ~~approximately 30~~ at least 10 seconds.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, wherein associating the keyword with the first user interface area comprises storing the keyword and a user interface area identifier in a memory.

12. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

_____ associating a keyword with a first user interface area;

_____ receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active;

_____ generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword; and

~~The method of claim 1, further comprising~~ downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query based at least in part on a period of time elapsed.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1]] 12, further comprising:

receiving [[a]] the result set associated with the implicit search query; and

causing the result set to be output.

14. (Original) A method comprising:
- associating a keyword with a first user interface area;
 - receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is inactive and a second user interface area is active;
 - determining an elapsed time since the first user interface area became inactive;
 - generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword;
 - receiving a result set associated with the search query; and
 - downweighting a result in the result set based on the elapsed time.
15. (Canceled).
16. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim [[15]] 21, further comprising program code for identifying the keyword in the first user interface area.
17. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim [[15]] 21, further comprising program code for discontinuing use of the keyword after a second period of time has elapsed.
18. (Canceled).
19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[15]] 21, wherein program code for associating the keyword with the first user interface area comprises program code for storing the keyword and a user interface area identifier in a memory.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[15]] 21, further comprising:

program code for receiving a result set associated with the implicit search query; and
program code for causing the result set to be output.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:

program code for associating a keyword with a first user interface area;
program code for receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is
inactive and a second user interface area is active;
program code for generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword; and

~~The computer-readable medium of claim 15, further comprising~~ program code for
downweighting a measure of a result in a result set associated with the implicit query based
at least in part on a period of time elapsed.

22. (Original) A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the
program code comprising:

program code for associating a keyword with a first user interface area;
program code for receiving a signal indicating that the first user interface area is
inactive and a second user interface area is active;
program code for determining an elapsed time since the first user interface area
became inactive;

program code for generating an implicit search query comprising the keyword;
program code for receiving a result set associated with the search query; and
program code for downweighting a result in the result set based on the elapsed time.

23. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

associating a plurality of keywords with a plurality of user interface areas;
generating an implicit search query comprising at least one of the plurality of
keywords; and
weighting at least one of the ~~query~~ keywords included in the query and [[the]] at least one query result[[s]] based at least in part on one or more of whether the user interface area associated with the keyword is active, the time since the keyword was determined, the time since the user interface area associated with the keyword was last active, and the frequency and time periods over which the user interface area associated with the keyword has been active.